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SUBJECT: TASS STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
IN SOUTH AFRICA

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TASS ISSUED A STATEMENT AUGUST 8 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT:

STATEMENT:

"ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING HERE, WORK IS PRESENTLY
NEARING COMPLETION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE
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CREATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON AND PREPARATIONS ARE BEING
HELD FOR CARRYING OUT ITS TESTS.

THE AUTHORITIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, STUBBORNLY
REFUSING TO RENOUNCE THEIR POLICY OF RACIAL OPPRESSION AND
APARTHEID TOWARDS THE AFRICAN POPULATION AND HAVING RE-
COURSE TO ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NEIGHBOUR AFRICAN

STATES ARE TRYING TO HALT BY FORCE OF ARMS THE INEVITABLE PROCESS OF LIQUIDATION OF THE COLONIALIST-RACIALIST ORDER IN THE SOUTH OF AFRICA. WITH THESE AIMS IN VIEW, THE WAR MACHINERY IS BEING PERFECTED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC,

THE ARMED FORCES ARE BEING FITTED OUT WITH THE LATEST MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AVIATION, ROCKETRY, TANKS AND ARTILLERY OF VARIOUS TYPES.

IN THE COURSE OF A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE PRESS OF MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE WESTERN STATES, PUBLISHED REPORTS ON WORK UNDER WAY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE CREATION OF A NECESSARY SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL BASE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC HAS NOT SIGNED THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON, SIGNATORIES TO WHICH ARE ALREADY MORE THAN 100 STATES. THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC BASES ITSELF IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY PRODUCTION AND OBTAINING MODERN WEAPONS ON SOME WESTERN STATES INCORPORATED INTO NATO AS WELL AS ON ISRAEL IN SPITE OF THE KNOWN DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS BANNING AID TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC IN THE FIELD OF ARMAMENTS. (SENTENCE AS RECEIVED)

IF THE RACIALIST PRETORIA REGIME OBTAINS THE NUCLEAR WEAPON, IT WOULD CREATE A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF
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THE AFRICAN STATES, LEAD TO A SHARP ESCALATION OF INSTABILITY AND TENSION IN THE SOUTH OF AFRICA, WOULD INCREASE THE MILITARY THREAT FOR THE ENTIRE MANKIND. THE ACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOR OBTAINING THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORTED BY SOME STATES ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE EFFORTS MADE BY MANY STATES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE AIM OF PREVENTING THE DANGER OF SPREADING THE NUCLEAR WEAPON ALL OVER THE WORLD. THEY ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DEMAND OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, THAT THE AFRICAN CONTINENT BE TURNED INTO A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. BY EMBARKING ON THE ROAD OF CREATING THE NUCLEAR WEAPON, THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC IS THROWING A CHALLENGE TO ALL PEOPLES.

TASS IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE CREATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC WOULD HAVE MOST SERIOUS AND FAR-REACHING AFTERMATHS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY OF PEOPLES.

THE LEADING CIRCLES OF THE SOVIET UNION THINK THAT MOST

URGENT, EFFECTIVE EFFORTS BY ALL STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ARE NECESSARY SO AS NOT TO ADMIT THE CREATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, TO PREVENT THE DANGER OF ITS PROLIFERATION. THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH COMES

OUT CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY FOR PREVENTING THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR, IS READY ON ITS PART TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS AIM.

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